Meeting with Faculty Representatives

Present: Michelle Hood, Chair; Samuel Collins, Vice Chair; Kurt Adams, Eleanor Baker, James Erwin, Norman Fournier, Mark Gardner, Tyler Hadyniak, Gregory Johnson, Marjorie Medd, Paul Mitchell, Victoria Murphy, Bonnie Newsom, and Karl Turner. 

University Presidents: Paul Ferguson, Kathryn Foster, Allyson Handley, Wilson Hess, Cynthia Huggins, Theodora Kalikow and Linda Schott. System Staff: Tracy Bigney, Tracy Elliott, Chip Gavin, Peggy Markson, Tamara Mitchell, Rosa Redonnett, Mark Schmelz, David Stevens, Kelley Wiltbank, Miriam White, and Rebecca Wyke. 

Absent: Stephen Bowen and Kevin McCarthy

Trustee Collins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Robert Rice, UM

- He commented that it was a good discussion on Strategic Human Resource Management.
- He raised a concern about the agenda for the new Board meeting structure that did not include specific times for each agenda section, only the beginning and end times for the day. Other constituencies want to attend and participate in the Board meeting for certain sections and without specific times it makes it difficult.
- He stated that everyone agrees that the first mission of the UMS is to educate students. However, the only representatives of the education system that the Trustees interact with are the Faculty Representatives - there are no deans, department chairs or vice presidents included in the discussions. In addition, there are no discussions focused around educational issues. About half of the Outcomes Based Measures relate to educational attainment. There are concerns and problem with strategic program alignment across the System, shared resources could be enhanced across the System, and there is a need to monitor and enhance educational issues. Therefore, the Faculty Representatives feel it is critical to have a Chief Academic Officer for the System dedicated to academic issues speaking about academic issues and concerns.

Chancellor Page

- The position of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs was suspended last year. This year he asked the campus Chief Academic Officers for an analysis and recommendations for the UMS Academic Governance. Copies of this report will be available during the Board meeting tomorrow (Monday). He has reviewed those recommendations and will be moving forward with reinstituting the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs position.

Adjournment.

Ellen Doughty for
J. Kelley Witbank, Clerk